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This communication accompanies the Applicant's Request for the Continued Examination (RCE) of the above mentioned application submitted pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §132(b) and 37 C.F.R. §1.114 in order to provide the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) with an Office Action Response.

The following communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 21, 2003, due on or before January 21, 2004. Applicants believe that the following remarks place the case in condition for allowance. Applicants submit that the case is in condition for an Interference to be declared between the present application and U.S. Patents 6,110,677 and 6,121,001.